Title: Who Is Yeshu? (8 Minutes)

Hello, my friend. Let me begin with a question that Yeshu Himself once asked His disciples: **"Who do you say that I am?"**

When Yeshu asked this question, He and His disciples were traveling through a very unique area. Most of Yeshu's ministry took place in the region of Galilee. But on this occasion, He led His disciples north to **Caesarea Philippi**, a city located at the foot of **Mount Hermon**, the highest mountain in Israel. Waters from Mount Hermon flow down through a cave in the valley to form the beginning of the Jordan River. This mystical, beautiful place attracted many visitors.

At that time, Caesarea Philippi was filled with religious monuments—temples dedicated to the Greek god **Pan**, to the **Nymphs**, and a new marble temple built to honor the **Roman emperor**. In this place where people worshiped false gods and even called Caesar "lord," Yeshu turned to His disciples and asked: **"Who do you say that I am?"**
They told Him what others were saying: "Some say you're John the Baptist, come back to life." "Others say you're Elijah—the greatest prophet in our history."

Even today, people say many things about Yeshu:
He was a holy man… A wise teacher… A revolutionary… A founder of Christianity…
But then Yeshu made it personal: **"But who do *you* say that I am?"**
That question is not just for His disciples—it's for *you*. Because how you answer this will affect your life—now and for eternity. **Peter answered**, "You are the Messiah—the Son of the Living God." And Yeshu said, "This was revealed to you by My Father in heaven."
That is the beginning of true faith.

The Messiah and the Son of God

The word **Messiah** means "Anointed One"—the Savior that God promised to send long ago. And as **the Son of God**, Yeshu is not just a man—He shares God's very nature.
He came from heaven to earth to rescue us from sin and death. Yeshu is the **bridge between a holy God and a broken world**.

We cannot ignore Him because He Changed History. All of history turns on His life. Even global holidays—like **Christmas** and **Easter**—point to His birth, death, and resurrection. Our calendar is divided by His coming: **B.C.** (Before Christ) and **A.D.**, *Anno Domini*, meaning "In the year of our Lord." Even your birth year is counted from the time Yeshu came. It means that—whether we realize it or not—**He stands at the center of human history** and **your life**. Think about it: plants, animals, and all living things may not be aware of the sun in the sky, but none of them can exist without it. In the same way, your life is absolutely dependent on Yeshu—whether you recognize it or not.

Prophecies Fulfilled by Yeshu

Yeshu didn't appear by accident. His life was **foretold long before He was born**.
Do you know anyone whose life was described in detail before their birth? I don't know anyone—except Yeshu. The **Old Testament**, written 1500 to 400 years before His coming, contains hundreds of prophecies about His birth, life, death, and resurrection:

- **Born of a virgin, in Bethlehem** – *Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2*
- **Suffered for our sins** – *Isaiah 53*
- **Rose again** – *Psalm 16:10*

Yeshu Himself said, **"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me."** – *John 5:39*
He fulfilled what prophets had written hundreds of years earlier. **This is no ordinary man.**

His Teachings and Miracles

Let's reflect on what He **said** and **did**.Yeshu's words brought light to those in darkness.
He spoke with both **authority** and **compassion**.The crowds were astonished by His teaching.
He taught about God's Kingdom, called people to repentance, and showed mercy to sinners.The respected Chinese scholar **Lin Yutang**, who studied many oriental religions and philosophies, wrote this at the end of his life: "After a long journey, I came to accept Yeshu as the 'satisfactory' answer to man's spiritual questions." He described Yeshu's teaching this way:"Like the Jungfrau mountain rising above the glaciers, Yeshu's teachings shine with such clarity and simplicity that they put all human efforts to know God to shame."

Yeshu declared that He is the **"I AM."**

- "I am the Bread of Life"—spoken after feeding 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.
- "I am the Light of the World"—before healing a man who was born blind.
- "I am the Resurrection and the Life"—before raising Lazarus from the dead.

When the apostle Thomas asked, "How can we know the way?"
Yeshu answered, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Later, the apostle Thomas came to India to show the people the way to God.

Yeshu also said: **"Before Abraham was, I AM."** —John 8:58
Abraham was the forefather of the Jewish and Middle Eastern peoples. Yeshu's statement "I AM" echoes the divine name God revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14: **"I AM WHO I AM"**—spoken 3,500 years ago. By this, Yeshu claimed to be the eternal and divine God Himself.

And His actions proved it:

- He healed the sick and the blind
- He calmed storms and walked on water
- He cast out demons
- He forgave sins
- He raised the dead

These were signs that the long-awaited **Messiah** had come.

His Death and Resurrection

At the center of Yeshu's mission was **His death on the cross** and **His resurrection from the dead**. He didn't die because He failed—He died **to offer His life as a sacrifice**.
Like a sin offering, His blood washes away all the sins of those who believe. It also protects them from the judgment to come. And on the third day, He rose again. **Death could not hold Him.** His resurrection proves that sin is defeated, and **eternal life** is now offered to all who believe.

Who Is He—to You? You've now heard the evidence:
• He fulfilled prophecy.
• He taught with divine wisdom.
• He died for our sins.

• He rose again in victory.

But the most important question still remains: Who is He—to you?
I do not know what background or environment you belong to—what kind of social, religious, or cultural world you live in. Perhaps it's a milieu like ancient Caesarea Philippi, where people worshiped nature gods like Pan and nymphs, or where political power was revered as divine, like the Roman emperor. But even in such a setting, Yeshu still asks you: "Who do you say that I am?" Can you say, like Peter, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God"? If not yet, that's okay. But I invite you to ask God to show you the truth. Here's a simple prayer you can say:

"Creator God, I want to know who Yeshu really is.
Open my heart, and give me grace to understand.
Forgive my sins. Help me believe in Your Son.
I want to know why He died for me and rose again.
In the name of Yeshu, Amen."

Friend, Yeshu is not a stranger to you. He is calling you by name. He did not come to condemn—but to save. And that includes you. You can explore more on this site and keep seeking Him. This could be the beginning of a new life. Thank you for listening.